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1. ABSENCE KEY PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (PMA), OFFICIALS HAS PREVENTED PROGRESS ON WORKING OUT DETAILS OF PROPOSED VISIT OF ECONOMIST MARCOS GUARDERAS. THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN ARRANGING PLANT VISITS AND THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT INDIVIDUAL FIRMS MAY BE ABLE PROVIDE AT LEAST PARTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED PARA 4 OF REFTEL. FULL INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ASPECT OF VISIT SHOULD BE KNOWN BY COB NOVEMBER 12. WILL KEEP EMBASSY ADVISED.

2. FDA HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS KEYED TO THE NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS IN QUITO REFTEL:

PARA. 1 - FDA WILL BE PLEASED TO HAVE RESPONSIBLE

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OFFICIALS MEET WITH GUARDERAS ON NOV. 18-19, 1974. IN

ADDITION TO FULL DISCUSSIONS, WE WILL SHOW THE SPANISH LANGUAGE FILM "NO MARGIN FOR ERROR". IF VISITORS FEEL IT WILL BE USEFUL, FDA WILL THEN LOAN TO GOE, VIA AMEMBASSY. THE FILM IS 16 MM, COLOR, OPTIC SOUND - GOE

WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE PROJECTOR FOR USE IN ECUADOR.

PARA. 2 - FDA WILL COVER (A) AND (C) IN DISCUSSIONS BUT HAS NO AUTHORITY IN AREA (B) - PRICE REGULATION AND FIXING. SUGGEST VISIT ON NOV. 20 TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) FOR DISCUSSION OF PRICING UNDER MEDICARE PROGRAMS - MR. VINCENT GARDNER HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH GOE OFFICIALS.

PARA. 3 - WHILE FDA WISHES TO BE FULLY COOPERATIVE AND OF ASSISTANCE TO GOE, IT CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR ANOTHER NATION'S CONTROL AUTHORITIES. FDA NOTES GOE'S STATED WEAKNESS IN PERFORMING PROPER LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS. FDA IS WILLING TO CONSIDER TRAINING ONE OR TWO DRUG ANALYSTS IN OUR LABORATORIES.

PARA. 4 - FDA REGRETS IT CANNOT PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

3. ASSUME ECUADORIAN EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION IN WASHINGTON AREA AS FDA OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS POUCHED TO EMBASSY THREE PUBLICATIONS PROVIDED BY FDA FOR FORWARDING TO MR. GUARDERAS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. FDA WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY CONFIRMATION THAT GUARDERAS WILL VISIT ON NOV. 18-19 AND ADVISE AS TO WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANY OTHERS IN PARTY. IS APPOINTMENT WITH SSA DESIRED? ARE VISITORS FLUENT IN ENGLISH? IF NOT, VISITORS SHOULD PROVIDE INTERPRETER. MAW

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